

# Mercury Reduction For Hospitals

## Practical Tips and Tools

Half the health care facilities in Washington State already work on reducing mercury in the products and equipment they use, and in their wastestreams. The other half do not.

Virtual elimination of mercury-containing waste from the health care industry waste stream by 2005 is a goal of the 1998 American Hospitals Association/US Environmental Protection Agency Memorandum of Understanding. No matter how much you know about the topic, you'll want to attend this seminar!

At this **free, half-day event**, learn about:

- ◆ Mercury waste management options and action plans
- ◆ Mercury reduction through purchasing and equipment change-outs
- ◆ Regulatory and legislative updates
- ◆ "Hospitals for a Healthy Environment" (H2E) mercury reduction pledge
- ◆ Technical and financial assistance resources
- ◆ Websites, publications, mentors, networks, and contacts

Join your colleagues to get the latest information on mercury-related waste reductions, cost savings, and reduced health risks. Hear from experts, share your experiences, and ask questions. Take advantage of this opportunity!

### Who Should Attend?

- ◆ Hospital, medical clinic, and research facilities:
  - Administrators, board members, and public relations staff
  - Environmental engineers and staff,
  - Health & safety officers and staff,
  - Nurse or physician managers and staff,
  - Purchasing agents,
  - Clinic and lab managers and staff
- ◆ Government compliance and technical assistance providers.
- ◆ Academic, consulting, and non-profit organization representatives.

### When and Where?

**8:30am to 12:30pm** at all locations

#### ◆ Seattle/Puget Sound:

Tuesday, October 22, 2002  
Valley Medical Center, Renton

#### ◆ Spokane/Coeur D'Alene:

Thursday, November 7, 2002  
St. Luke's Rehabilitation Center, Spokane

#### ◆ Vancouver/Portland:

Thursday, November 14, 2002  
Water Resources Education Center (WREC), Vancouver

### To register:

**RSVP by one week prior** to the event you plan to attend.

Download the registration form from the Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA) website at <http://www.wsha.org/mercuryuse.htm> or contact Danielle Kean (WSHA) at (206) 577-1826 or [daniellek@wsa.org](mailto:daniellek@wsa.org)

### Presented by:

- ◆ Washington State Hospital Association
- ◆ King County Solid Waste and Local Hazardous Waste Management Programs
- ◆ Washington State Department of Ecology
- ◆ EPA Region 10
- ◆ Business and Industry Resource Venture
- ◆ Pacific NW Pollution Prevention Resource Center

### For additional information (other than registration):

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**Upcoming Seminar Topics:**

◆ **Solid Waste Reduction in Medical Facilities** - January 2002, Seattle

◆ **Safe Cleaning Supplies in Medical Facilities** - Spring 2002, Seattle

**Medical Industry  
Waste Prevention  
Roundtable**

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**Medical Industry Waste Prevention Roundtable**

What is the Medical Industry Waste Prevention Roundtable (MIRT)? The Roundtable was established in early 1999 to bring together medical industry professionals who are interested in exchanging ideas on, and developing new ways of preventing and reducing waste. The group hosts seminars in the Puget Sound area to explore cost-effective, environmentally sound solutions for medical industry issues such as:

- ◆ Managing medical wastes (such as products and packaging)
- ◆ Energy and water resource management
- ◆ Green building
- ◆ Mercury reduction
- ◆ Chemicals management
- ◆ Pharmaceutical issues